# **City of Brighton**

500 S. 4th Avenue Brighton, CO 80601



# **Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 6:00 PM

**Council Chambers / Virtual Meeting** 

# **City Council**

MAYOR - GREGORY MILLS

MAYOR PRO TEM - MATT JOHNSTON

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

CLINT BLACKHURST, ADAM CUSHING,

MARK HUMBERT, KRIS JORDINELLI, MARY ELLEN POLLACK,

ANN TADDEO, TIM WATTS

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mills called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

#### A. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Councilmember Humbert led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

#### B. Roll Call

Present: 9 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Johnston, Councilmember Blackhurst,
Councilmember Cushing, Councilmember Humbert, Councilmember Jordinelli,
Councilmember Pollack, Councilmember Taddeo, and Councilmember Watts

# 2. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Watts, seconded by Councilmember Humbert to approve the Regular Agenda as presented. Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Johnston, Councilmember Blackhurst,
Councilmember Cushing, Councilmember Humbert, Councilmember Jordinelli,
Councilmember Pollack, Councilmember Taddeo, and Councilmember Watts

## 3. CONSENT AGENDA

#### A. Approval of the August 18, 2020 City Council Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Blackhurst, seconded by Councilmember Cushing to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Johnston, Councilmember Blackhurst,
Councilmember Cushing, Councilmember Humbert, Councilmember Jordinelli,
Councilmember Pollack, Councilmember Taddeo, and Councilmember Watts

#### 4. CEREMONIES

#### A. Swearing In of City Manager

City Clerk Natalie Hoel administered the oath of office to City Manager Jane Bais DiSessa.

#### B. National Day of Prayer Proclamation

Mayor Mills read the Proclamation into the record.

Motion by Councilmember Blackhurst, seconded by Councilmember Humbert to approve the Proclamation. Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Johnston, Councilmember Blackhurst,
Councilmember Cushing, Councilmember Humbert, Councilmember Jordinelli,
Councilmember Pollack, Councilmember Taddeo, and Councilmember Watts

# 5. <u>PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA</u> (Speakers limited to five minutes)

#### 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

# 7. ORDINANCES FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

# 8. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION

# 9. RESOLUTIONS

A. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, APPROVING THE ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ANIMAL SHELTER/ADOPTION SERVICES (THE "IGA"); FINDING THAT THE FEES SET FORTH IN SAID IGA ARE REASONABLE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID IGA ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST THERETO; AND SETTING FORTH OTHER DETAILS RELATED THERETO

Mayor Mills read the title of the Resolution into the record.

City Manager Jane Bais DiSessa introduced Acting Chief of Police Frank Acosta.

Acting Chief of Police Frank Acosta explained that this is a renewal of an IGA with Adams County and introduced Stephanie Wilde, Executive Director of the Adams County Animal Shelter.

Adams County Animal Shelter Executive Director Stephanie Wilde introduced Marla Vogel. Ms. Wilde explained that they have been a partner with the City since the end of 2017. At that time, Adams County collaborated with eight municipalities and were in the process of moving from a per animal fee to a flat rate fee. Since Brighton was a new partner, there was not enough data to determine the fee. The intention is to have a more equitable method of capturing the true cost for sheltering animals; this is the reason to move to a flat rate. Figuring the cost per animal per month is a time consuming process. The process is also difficult for the municipality to budget for these costs. There are cost increases for court hold cases and injured and ill animals that take more resources. Brighton is the third strongest user of the facility of the municipalities served. The shelter is a service driven department and does not make money. Ms. Wilde presented the revenues and expenses for the animal shelter.

Marla Vogel explained how the flat rate fee is calculated. Every day that an animal is in the shelter from the intake day to its outcome, the actual cost per day is calculated. The flat-rate formula includes fees for reclaims, disposals, bite quarantines and protective custody. The flat annual rate is calculated over an average of the 2018 and 2019 data. That rate is used to determine 2021 and 2022 rates. The fees and renews are recalculated every two years using the same methodology. Ms. Vogel presented the flat rate comparison for the municipalities served as determined by the usage of the municipality.

Ms. Wilde explained that the flat rate for Brighton for 2020 and 2021 is \$50,564, this would be the same except for the consumer price index multiplier. There are challenges with this model, the fees are going up, but the shelter absorbs the majority of the costs. The flat rate vs. the cost per animal can be beneficial if a municipality has a big intake year, but less beneficial in a lower intake year. The fee for Brighton would be approximately \$12,000 per quarter. Any offset goes into the formula and creates more equity. There are many benefits for the City to collaborate with the Adams County Animal Shelter. For anyone affected by COVID, the shelter will house their pets at no cost for anyone that lost their home until a better situation is found. The shelter has had over 3,000 adoptions for the second year in a row and almost 2,000 animals were returned to their owners. Low cost vaccinations and microchip clinics are offered to the community. The goal of the shelter is to save lives and in 2019, the shelter served nearly 9,000 animals and an estimated 10,000 residents. The shelter does not euthanize for time, space or convenience and the save rate was 89.9% in 2019 and 91.7 in 2020 year to date. The shelter relies on volunteers for help running the shelter. The new shelter is ready and they will move in at the end of the month. Ms. Wilde updated City Council on the features of the new facility. Ms. Wilde and Ms. Vogel answered questions from Council regarding:

- A breakdown of the number of people that are not able to pay to get their pets back.
- •There being any assistance for a person not able to pay to get their pets back.
- The situation for an animal after the municipality stops paying after six days.
- •An animal being put down for being aggressive after six days.
- •Ways to find information to become a volunteer.

- •The number of animals delivered to the shelter by the City of Brighton in 2019.
- •The move to the new facility affecting costs.
- •Information regarding Brighton and Commerce City bringing in more animals than other municipalities.
- The shelter receiving calls regarding raccoons.

Motion by Councilmember Humbert, seconded by Councilmember Taddeo, to approve Resolution 2020-90. Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Johnston, Councilmember Blackhurst,
Councilmember Cushing, Councilmember Humbert, Councilmember Pollack,
Councilmember Taddeo, and Councilmember Watts

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Jordinelli

Councilmember Jordinelli left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Mills called for a break at 7:14 p.m.

Mayor Mills resumed the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION AND MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR – BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FY2021 WATERSMART: WATER AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM BOR-DO-21-F001

Mayor Mills read the title of the Resolution into the record.

City Manager Bais DiSessa introduced Finance Director Maria Ostrom.

Finance Director Maria Ostrom explained that the City has the opportunity to apply for a WaterSmart grant and asked if Council would like staff to apply for the grant. If the City were awarded the grant, staff would come back to Council next year to ask for a budget amendment and ask Council to accept the grant. WaterSmart is a program run by the Bureau of Reclamation. This is a Federal grant for programs that promote water conservation and efficiency. Staff would like to apply for a grant to convert the City's water intensive turf at a City park to artificial turf.

Parks and Recreation Director Travis Haines explained that staff would like to replace the grass at the football fields at Water Tower Park to artificial turf. In addition to saving millions of gallons of water per year, this project would eliminate a lot of staff time and maintenance work, eliminate the need for fertilizing and over seeding, extend the playing season for numerous sports and would save water at Donelson Park since it is used heavily for soccer. In the spring, the soccer games could be moved to Water Tower Park. The project would require the removal of the sod, installation of the drainage system, the under base layer, and the installation of the artificial turf on three fields. The turf does require some maintenance to keep them in working order. This could supplement the other sports facilities in the City and supplement recreation facilities. This would be a great addition for the Parks and Recreation Division as well as helping to conserve water in the City.

Finance Director Ostrom explained that City Council is not approving the costs this evening, but Council must understand that if direction is given to staff to move forward, support is given for staff to apply for the grant. The grant does require a 50% match and the cost of the project is 3.3 million dollars. Part of the 1.6 million dollars can be done with in-kind services so some of the parks staff could manage the project and some of their salaries and benefits could be used toward the match. Some design work was done in 2017 so some of the cost has been paid for. If the City applies for this grant, staff would propose that part of the money to cover the remainder of the match would come from the General Fund, about \$422,000 because staff estimates water saving costs and parks maintenance costs over the next decade if the fields are converted to artificial turf. Staff would propose that \$300,000 come from the Water Fund and the Parks and Recreation Fund would provide the remaining amount.

Utilities Director Brett Sherman explained that staff is always striving for ways to conserve water. The Utilities department is always working to increase capacity and decrease demand. This savings equates to seventy-eight households that the City would not have to add infrastructure or treat water to serve. It is worth the Water Funds to contribute to this project with the savings that would take place with this project.

Director Ostrom explained that if Council would like to direct staff to apply for the grant, the application would have to be finalized this week. The application deadline is September 17<sup>th</sup> and the City would not hear if the grant was awarded until early 2021.

Director Ostrom and Director Haines answered questions from Council regarding:

- •The way staff would get the letters of support.
- •The item Council is voting on.
- •The length of time to get return on the money.
- •The interest in the sports leagues using the artificial turf.

Motion by Councilmember Watts, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnston, to approve Resolution 2020-91. Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Johnston, Councilmember Blackhurst,
Councilmember Cushing, Councilmember Humbert, Councilmember Pollack,
Councilmember Taddeo, and Councilmember Watts

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Jordinelli

C. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, ACCEPTING THE BID OF DOCUTEK, INC. AND APPROVING THE PROCUREMENT OF THE DIGITIZATION OF BUILDING RECORDS, PROJECT #20-006403, FOR THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED ELEVEN DOLLARS AND TWO CENTS (\$74,311.02), WITH A TEN PERCENT CONTINGENCY OF SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE DOLLARS AND TEN CENTS (\$7,431.10) FOR A TOTAL, NOT TO EXCEED, AMOUNT OF EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-TWO DOLLARS AND TWELVE CENTS (\$81,742.12), AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO SIGN THE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST THERETO

Mayor Mills read the title of the Resolution into the record.

City Manager Bais DiSessa introduced Community Development Director Holly Prather.

Community Development Director Holly Prather presented a Resolution to accept the Bid of Docutek for the completion of the digitization of the Building Division records. The 2019 budget was adopted on December 4, 2018 and in that budget, funds were allocated for the digitization of the Building Division records. On May 21, 2019, City Council approved the bid for this project for \$98,670. The bid was performed through cooperative purchasing, or piggybacking to an Adams County bid as provided for in Section 3-8-40(f) of the City's Municipal Code. Since cooperative bidding was used, the competitive bidding process was done through Adams County. The contractor was unable to complete the project within the original bid amount as they had underestimated the number of documents to be digitized and they requested additional funds of \$122,342.49 to complete the project. The Change Order for the additional funds was presented to City Council on April 19 2020. City Council expressed concern that the contractor had underbid the project purposely and expressed concern with approving a Change Order to the same contractor. City Council requested that the City Attorney review whether the contractor was in breach of the contract. The City Attorney determined that the contractor was not in breach of the contract as it was based on actual per unit pricing. City Council did not approve the Change Order, which resulted in the project going back out to bid.

A new RFP was prepared by the Chief Building Official and submitted to the Procurement Division and open public bidding was performed through the BidNet process. Five bids were received and the selection process was narrowed down using scoring of historic customer satisfaction, responsiveness, responsibility, price, reliability, finances and health and safety. Staff recommends approving the bid from Kanes Record Management, Inc. dba DocuTek, Inc. This bid is the second lowest of the bids and staff feels that the qualifications and pricing are the most qualified for the City's purposes. Since the previous contractor underestimated the number of documents to be scanned and digitized, staff included a ten percent contingency amount on DocuTek's bid. Therefore, an additional \$7,431.10 has been added to the bid for a total of \$81,742.12. According to DocuTek, the industry standard for an over or under estimate is typically two to five percent. Since staff had to utilize numbers from the original contractor, the contingency amount was raised to ten percent to ensure the project would be properly completed. The City shall only pay for the actual amount of documents scanned, which total will not exceed \$81,742.12. The necessity to complete this project is paramount to customer service when dealing with Open Records Requests, which have to be completed in a timely fashion and the most efficient use of staff time. The building records date back fifty years and there is no backup for them. Most of the records must be permanently maintained and the current Coronavirus crisis highlights the need for citizens, employees and emergency personnel to have remote access to the files. The use of almost 1/5 of the first floor for paper records storage is not an efficient use of space in City Hall. Director Prather and City Attorney Bajorek answered questions from Council regarding:

- The companies come out to see the amount of documents and get an estimate to create the bid.
- •The ability of the City to hold the company to their estimate.
- This bid being less per unit or the estimate of less documents.
- •The estimate of the number of documents in line with the previous companies estimate.
- •The new company relying on the numbers from the original change order.
- •There being a legal requirement to help the City get a proper document count.
- This situation being taken care of with the new contract.
- •DocuTek bid in the original contract.
- •The amount spent that the City is not getting back from the original company.
- •The ability to recoup those funds.
- •The amount of the change order.
- •The job being completed by the original company after the change order.

Motion by Councilmember Humbert, seconded by Councilmember Blackhurst, to approve Resolution 2020-92. Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Johnston, Councilmember Blackhurst,
Councilmember Cushing, Councilmember Humbert, Councilmember Pollack,
Councilmember Taddeo, and Councilmember Watts

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Jordinelli

# 10. <u>UTILITIES BUSINESS ITEMS</u>

#### **Ordinances**

A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO (THE "CITY"), GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE ACCESS EASEMENT TO THE METRO WASTEWATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT") ON 124th AVENUE RESERVOIR SITE, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID EASEMENT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

Mayor Mills read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

City Manager Bais DiSessa explained that this is the final reading of the Ordinance and there have not been any changes since first reading.

Mayor Mills asked if there were any comments from the audience on the second reading of the Ordinance, there were none.

Motion by Councilmember Blackhurst, seconded by Councilmember Humbert, to approve Ordinance 2342. Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Johnston, Councilmember Blackhurst,
Councilmember Cushing, Councilmember Humbert, Councilmember Pollack,
Councilmember Taddeo, and Councilmember Watts

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Jordinelli

B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO (THE "CITY"), APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 124TH AVENUE RESERVOIR PROPERTY (THE "PROPERTY"), AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID LEASE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

Mayor Mills read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

City Manager Bais DiSessa explained that this is the final reading of the Ordinance and there have not been any changes since first reading.

Mayor Mills asked if there were any comments from the audience on the second reading of the Ordinance, there were none.

Motion by Councilmember Humbert, seconded by Mayor Mills, to approve Ordinance 2343. Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Johnston, Councilmember Blackhurst,
Councilmember Cushing, Councilmember Humbert, Councilmember Pollack,
Councilmember Taddeo, and Councilmember Watts

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Jordinelli

#### Resolutions

C. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIGHTON AND URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT D/B/A MILE HIGH FLOOD DISTRICT REGARDING DESIGN OF DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE BRIGHTON NORTH OUTFALL AT BASELINE OUTFALL FROM 19TH AVENUE TO THE PRESERVE, AND AUTHORIZING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID AMENDMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

Mayor Mills read the title of the Resolution into the record.

City Manager Bais DiSessa introduced Utilities Director Brett Sherman.

Utilities Director Brett Sherman introduced Stormwater Management Coordinator Scott Olsen.

Stormwater Management Coordinator Scott Olsen presented the IGA between the City of Brighton and Urban Drainage and Flood Control District (Mile High Flood District), the North Outfall at Baseline Road. The Urban Drainage and Flood Control District is a Quasi-governmental Agency formed in 1969 after major flooding in the Denver Metro area. This is a taxing District, so everyone living in Adams

County in the City of Brighton pays this tax. Urban Drainage pays the City the tax money to do these flood control projects. In 2006, the City worked with Urban Drainage and Flood Control District to create the Outfall System Plan. The City updated the plan to bring it up to date in 2019. The City wanted to update the route because it had not been conceptually designed. The City would like to move forward with the design phase of the project. The system begins at the Preserve Subdivision, through the Mountain View Subdivision, through agricultural land and connects to existing infrastructure that the City installed at 19th Avenue in 2017. The project will be designed to capture stormwater runoff from the Preserve Subdivision, Pheasant Ridge, Mountain View Estates and undeveloped properties that lie between the Fulton and Brighton Lateral Ditches. This project is similar to the North Outfall-Denver alignment in Item 10D. The City will provide \$498,000 to the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District to put into a Trust Fund for the design of the Brighton North Outfall at Baseline Road. Funding will come from the 2020 Capital Improvement budget. Stormwater Management Coordinator Olsen answered questions from Council regarding:

•The design for the Outfall costing \$498,000.

Motion by Councilmember Cushing, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnston, to approve Resolution 2020-93. Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Johnston, Councilmember Blackhurst,
Councilmember Cushing, Councilmember Humbert, Councilmember Pollack,
Councilmember Taddeo, and Councilmember Watts

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Jordinelli

D. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE, APPROVING AMENDMENT I TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIGHTON AND URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT D/B/A MILE HIGH FLOOD DISTRICT REGARDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE NORTH OUTFALL, AND AUTHORIZING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID AMENDMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

Mayor Mills read the title of the Resolution into the record.

City Manager Bais DiSessa introduced Stormwater Management Coordinator Scott Olsen.

Stormwater Management Coordinator Scott Olsen explained that this is Amendment I, the ninth amendment. The original IGA was signed between the City of Brighton and the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District in 2006 when design on the first phase began. The first phase built the first section of the open channel from Denver Street and North Main Street to the South Platte River and put in a piping system to bring it up to Denver Street. This is when funds ran out for the first phase in 2012. Another amendment was done in 2017 for the design of Phase 2; this would take the pipe from Tractor Supply to behind the City's Streets Maintenance facility. This project was very costly; a direct bore was used to bore a 72" pipe under the ditch and railroad tracks. Another amendment to the Agreement in 2018 worked on the design of the third phase of the project; this is approximately 50% completed. The remainder of the design is currently being completed to bring the project design to 100%. The project began because in the Core City Downtown area, historic flooding has occurred. The original drainage system is not up to the standards that are used today. This Amendment to the IGA will provide the funding to Urban Drainage for the construction of the final phase of the project. This will extend the pipe from behind the Maintenance Facility, down Denver Street, down North 7th Avenue to Bridge Street. There will be offshoots to other roadways to capture that flow. The consultant used 2D flow modeling to determine where water was pooling in the area. This Resolution would approve the City's contribution and the contribution by Urban Drainage to finish this project. Stormwater Management Coordinator Olsen answered questions from Council regarding:

•This North Outfall project and the previous North Outfall project never connecting.

Motion by Councilmember Blackhurst, seconded by Councilmember Taddeo, to approve Resolution 2020-94. Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Johnston, Councilmember Blackhurst,
Councilmember Cushing, Councilmember Humbert, Councilmember Pollack,
Councilmember Taddeo, and Councilmember Watts

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Jordinelli

E. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF BURNS & MCDONNELL ENGINEERING CO. AND APPROVING THE PROCUREMENT OF BRIGHTON WASTEWATER CHEMICAL FEED SYSTEM FOR PHOSPHOROUS REMOVAL, PROJECT #20-006465, TO BURNS & MCDONNELL ENGINEERING CO FOR THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$54,793.00, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO SIGN THE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST THERETO

Mayor Mills read the title of the Resolution into the record.

City Manager Bais DiSessa introduced Utilities Director Brett Sherman.

Utilities Director Brett Sherman introduced Assistant Director of Utilities Brad Dallam.

Assistant Director of Utilities Brad Dallam presented the design phase for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phosphorus Removal Project. The City of Brighton owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant and has a permit that limits the amount of certain constituents that make it back to the stream. The City has to limit the amount of phosphorus going to the South Platte River. A modification of the site plan is needed with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). The City sought help from a consultant for the initial design and a permit for the project. Staff went through an extensive project to find on-call engineers, one of those groups was Burns and McDonnell, they specialize in water and wastewater treatment. This firm completed the feasibility study for the phosphorus removal. The City sought a proposal from them to continue with this project and the cost for the preliminary design was \$49,712 and permitting assistance for \$5,081. Staff is requesting approval of a contract for \$54,793. Staff recommends approval of the contract. Assistant director Dallam and Director Sherman answered questions from Council regarding:

- •Something precluding the City from going out to bid for this project.
- The project being sent out to bid.
- •This being the best that the City can get for the project.
- •Staff needing more time to seek bids for this project.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Johnston, seconded by Councilmember Humbert, to approve Resolution 2020-95. Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Johnston, Councilmember Blackhurst, Councilmember Cushing, Councilmember Humbert, Councilmember Pollack, Councilmember Taddeo, and Councilmember Watts

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Jordinelli

# 11. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### A. Review of COVID Statistics

Emergency Management Coordinator Stephanie Hackett updated City Council on the testing site at the Eagle View Adult Center. This will be open to City residents, people working in the City and students attending schools in the City on Tuesdays and Saturdays for ten weeks.

Assistant City Manager Marv Falconburg explained that the Brighton Fire Rescue has a couple COVID cases and those that have been impacted are quarantined.

# B. Veterans Appreciation Proclamation Discussion

City Council discussed placing a Proclamation on the agenda for Veterans appreciation.

#### C. City Council Liaison for Events Department Discussion

City Council discussed appointing Councilmembers as liaisons to City departments.

# 12. REPORTS

#### A. By the Mayor

Mayor Mills attended the City Manager welcome event, the congressional update with Congressman Crowe, and facilitated a discussion with the Finance team and Communications regarding COVID resources.

### **B.** By Department Heads

Finance Director Maria Ostrom explained that the City got a great result for the refunding and refinancing done recently.

#### C. By the City Attorney

City Attorney Jack Bajorek recognized Finance for their hard work on the refinance and welcomed City Manager Bais DiSessa.

## D. By the City Manager

City Manager Bais DiSessa looks forward to working with City Council and meeting with them to look at their goals and objectives. City Manager Bais DiSessa thanked Assistant City Manager Marv Falconburg for his help.

# 13. REPORTS BY COUNCIL ON BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Johnston welcomed City Manager Bais DiSessa and thanked Marv for serving as Acting City Manager.

Councilmember Cushing attended the COVID 19 resources webinar.

Councilmember Humbert attended the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting and the Historic Preservation Commission meeting. The Foley Farm dedication and the Dick and Mary Hodge Memorial Trail dedication are on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Bike to Work Day is September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Councilmember Pollack attended the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

Councilmember Watts attended the NLC grant webinar. Trash bash is this weekend. Councilmember Watts recognized Brighton Fire Rescue District; they sent a crew to help with the Cameron Peak fire.

Assistant City Manager Marv Falconburg welcomed Jane to the City and reminded City Council that they will be meeting with 27J Schools next week.

# 14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

# 15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mills adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

**CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO** 

Gregory Mills, Mayor

ATTEST:

Natalie Hoel, City Clerk

Approval Date